

**Robinson Township
Board of Supervisors
Meeting Minutes, February 9, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

The Robinson Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Monday, February 9, 2015, and was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Chairman Kendall.

Present at the meeting were Chairman Rodger Kendall, Vice Chairman Steve Duran, Manager, Erin Sakalik, and Solicitor Gretchen Moore. Supervisor Mark Brositz was absent.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

The Chairman asked if anyone wished to speak on agenda items. No discussion ensued.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Chairman Kendall made a motion to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting on December 29, 2014. Duran seconded the motion. RCV: Duran – Yes, Kendall – Yes.

The Chairman next made a motion to approve the Minutes from the Reorganization Meeting on January 5, 2015. The Vice Chairman seconded the motion. RCV: Duran – Yes, Kendall – Yes.

Mr. Kendall made a motion to approve the Minutes from the regular Board of Supervisors Meeting on January 5, 2015. Mr. Duran seconded the motion. RCV: Duran – Yes, Kendall – Yes.

CORRESPONDENCE

Motion carried to approve the correspondence for the month of January.

BILLS & PAYROLL

Kendall motioned to accept the bills and payroll for January. Duran seconded the motion. RCV: Duran – Yes, Kendall – Yes.

REPORTS

Fire Department Reports. Reports were submitted by the McDonald and Midway Fire Departments and are on file.

Police Report. Chief Dorsey was not in attendance to provide a verbal report. A written report was given to the Board and is on file in the Manager's office.

Zoning/Code Enforcement Report. Chief Dorsey was not in attendance to provide a verbal report. A written report was given to the Board and is on file in the Manager's office.

Manager's Report. Mrs. Sakalik provided a verbal report. A written report is on file.

Solicitor's Report. Attorney Gretchen Moore spoke about the second hearing of the Validity Challenge. She announced that Findings of Fact were issued and we are in the appeal period. She also informed that the Procedural Challenge is still pending in Washington County. Gretchen also stated that on Thursday she and Allen will be providing training to the Planning Commission.

Public Works Report. Supervisor Duran provided a verbal road report. He commented on the snow removal and equipment repair. Mr. Duran conveyed that the road crew has used approximately 150 tons of salt so far this year.

Motion was made by Kendall, seconded by Duran to accept all reports as given. RCV: Duran – Yes, Kendall – Yes.

OLD BUSINESS

Video Cameras. This matter was tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

Newsletter. Supervisor Duran stated that he would like to send out another township newsletter. He presented a copy to the Board for consideration. Chairman Kendall made a motion to approve the distribution of the newsletter upon the consent of the solicitor. Vice Chairman Duran seconded the motion. RCV: Duran – Yes, Kendall – Yes.

Ordinance 2015-1. This is the Fire Hydrant Tax Ordinance. The Manager briefly described Ordinance 2015-1 stating that it has been advertised and was discussed in 2014 and was added to the 2015 budget. Motion carried to adopt Ordinance 2015-1. RCV: Duran – Yes, Kendall – Yes.

Assistant Zoning Officer. Motion carried to appoint Erin Sakalik as the assistant zoning and code enforcement officer. RCV: Duran – Yes, Kendall – Yes.

Mark West. Chairman Kendall informed that on November 12, 2014, Mark West had filed a Petition for Zoning Amendment. On December 26, the Planning Commission met to consider this petition and provide a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. The request was to change the property from IBD to Industrial. Mr. Kendall called upon Rob McHale to speak on this. Mr. McHale was not present at the meeting. No discussion ensued.

PA Turnpike Commission Agreement for Reimbursement of Expenses. Motion carried to approve an agreement between the PA Turnpike Commission and the Township of Robinson for reimbursement of expenses incurred to the Township relating to engineering costs. The solicitor reviewed this agreement and has also provided her approval. RCV: Duran – Yes, Kendall – Yes.

Transfer of Money. Motion carried to approve the transfer of \$100,000 from the gas well impact account into the general account for general township expenses. RCV: Duran – Yes, Kendall – Yes.

Enrollment in APMM. Motion carried to approve the enrollment of Manager Erin Sakalik into the Association of Pennsylvania Municipal Managers. The cost to join is \$169. RCV: Duran – Yes, Kendall – Yes.

Appointment of Appeals Board. The Chairman asked the Manager to inform the residents of the Appeal Board's function. Erin explained that Appeal Board members would hear appeals filed by residents who were presented with a Notice of Violation under the Property Maintenance Code. The Chairman asked for volunteers to be considered for appointment on the Appeals Board. Erin stated that she received a letter of interest from Richard Ward. Cathy Lodge inquired about the responsibility of the Appeals Board and expressed her interest to be appointed. The Chairman made a motion to table this matter until March. Duran seconded the motion. RCV: Duran – Yes, Kendall – Yes.

Waiver of Wedge Curb. The Chairman made a motion to approve the waiver of the bituminous wedge curb. Mr. Kendall explained that this will allow the portion of Donaldson Road affected by construction of the Southern Beltway to be reconstructed without wedge curbing as proposed by Michael Baker Corp., engineers to the PA Turnpike Commission. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Duran. RCV: Duran – Yes, Kendall – Yes.

Imperial Subdivision. The Manager informed that the Planning Commission has already met with regards to this subdivision and submitted their letter of recommendation. Brian Temple was called upon to speak on behalf of the Imperial Land Company. Upon review of the proposed subdivision and upon recommendation of the Planning Commission, motion carried to approve the subdivision. RCV: Duran – Yes, Kendall – Yes.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no Other Business to come before the Board.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Andrew Zimmer inquired about the township's budget for legal expenses for 2015.

Steve Duran announced that the legal expenses incurred to the residents of the township for just the Validity Challenge is at \$37,000.

George Lucchino stated that water needs to be diverted on Beagle Club Road right down from 980.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Supervisor Kendall made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Duran seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Erin Sakalik, Manager